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Westminster, April 7.

HIS Majesty came this Day to the House of Peers, and being in his Royal Robes seated on the Throne, with the usual Solemnity, Sir William Saunderson, Gentleman-Usher of the Black-Rod, was sent with a Message from His Majesty to the House of Commons, commanding their Attendance in the House of Peers; the Commons being come thither accordingly, His Majesty was pleased to give the Royal Assent to

An Act for enabling the South-Sea Company to increase their present Capital Stock and Fund, by redeeming such publick Debts and Incumbrances as are therein mentioned, and for raising Money to be applied for lessening several of the publick Debts and Incumbrances, and for calling in the present Exchequer Bills remaining uncancelled, and for making forth new Bills in lieu thereof, to be circulated and exchanged upon Demand at or near the Exchequer.

An Act for the better securing the Dependency of the Kingdom of Ireland upon the Crown of Great Britain.

An Act for preventing the Carriage of excessive Loads of Meal, Malt, Bricks and Coals, within ten Miles of the Cities of London and Westminster.

An Act for repairing the Roads from Stevenidge in the County of Hertford to Biggleswade in the County of Bedford.

An Act to continue the Acts formerly made for repairing the Highways in the County of Hertford therein mentioned, and for making the said Acts more effectual.

An Act for making the River Darwent in the County of Derby navigable.

An Act for making the River Douglas, alias Astland, navigable, from the River Ribble to Wigan, in the County Palatine of Lancaster.

An Act for preserving and improving the Navigation of the River Ouze in the County of Huntingdon.

An Act for making the River Idle navigable from East-Redford in the County of Nottingham, to Bawtry-Wharf in the County of York.

An Act for laying a Duty of two Pennies Scots, or one sixth part of a Penny Sterling upon every Pint of Ale or Beer that shall be vended or sold within the Town of Montrose, and Privileges thereof, for supplying the said Town with fresh Water, and for other Purposes therein mentioned.

An Act for laying a Duty of two Pennies Scots, or one sixth Part of a Penny Sterling upon every Scots Pint of Beer or Ale vended or sold within the Town of Bruntisland, and Liberties thereof, for increasing the publick Revenue of the said Town, and for other Purposes therein mentioned.

An Act for laying a Duty of two Pennies Scots, or one sixth part of a Penny Sterling upon every Pint of Beer and Ale that shall be vended or sold within the Town of Pittenweem, and Liberties thereof, for repairing the Harbour there, and for maintaining other publick Works of the said Town.

And to several Private Bills.

Naples, March 22. Sir George Byng sailed the 15th Instant at Night from Baiæ for Trapani. The Canterbury Man of War, Captain Walton Commander, was left behind, to carry to him the Letters which should arrive from England. On the 19th the Letters arrived, and Captain Walton put to Sea that Night, taking on board Collonel Balayer who came with Dispatches from the Imperial Court the Day before.

Genoa, April 2. Tho' Cardinal Alberoni has been gone from Sestri several Days, it is believed he lurks at some Place within the Dominions of this State, till he can find an Opportunity to retire safe into Switzerland. The Venetians and the Great Duke of Tuscany have caused Letters to be written to him, warning him from coming into their Territories. On the 30th past M. de Chavigny the French Envoy here, received Orders by an Express from Paris, to second in the Name of the Duke Regent the Instances which the Pope had caused to be made to this Republick for detaining Cardinal Alberoni Prisoner. To Day Mr. Davenant, His Britannick Majesty's Minister, received a Letter by an Express from Madrid, by which he was desired in his Catholick Majesty's Name to add his Instances to those which the Marques de St. Philippe the Spanish Envoy residing here had already made to this State, concerning the Cardinal. This Afternoon the said British, French, and Spanish Ministers, did in concert make Application to this Government, for seizing the Cardinal, on a Supposition that he may still be in the Territories of this State. The Spanish Envoy did likewise demand, that the Canon Gandolfo who harboured the Cardinal at Sestri, and assisted him to make his Escape, should be forthwith taken into Custody, in order to be strictly examined and forced to discover whither the Cardinal withdrew himself.

Stockholm, March 23. The States of this Kingdom came Yesterday to an unanimous Resolution to acquiesce in the Queen's late Request made to them, that she might be permitted to transfer and resign the Exercise of the Regal Power to her Consort the Prince of Hesse: Which Resolution was with great Ceremony notified Yesterday to her Majesty and to the Prince, who at the same time subscribed the Conditions whereon the Regal Dignity is conferred on him; and To-Morrow he will be proclaimed King, with the Solemnities observed here on these Occasions. Major General Lewenohrn, the Danish Minister, arrived here on the 20th Instant.

Berlin, April 10. The Earl of Cadogan arrived here on the 3d Instant, and the same Evening had an Audience of his Prussian Majesty, who received him very graciously. His Lordship has, during his Stay here, been treated with all possible Marks of Honour and Distinction. He is to have his Audience of Leave To-Morrow, and designs to proceed the next Day on his Journey to Vienna.

Hague, April 16. The States of the Province of Holland have at last put an End to their long Divisions about the Tax of the Second Hundredth Penny: They have passed a Resolution that Land shall pay but Half of that Tax; but that the whole shall be continued for this Year upon Bonds and Houses. The King of Spain's Ratifications of the Instrument of his Accession to the Quadruple Alliance, as likewise the Emperour's, are arrived here, in order to be exchanged with those of the other contracting Powers. The Council of State have passed Sentence against M. Rechteren Governour of Tournay, and against one of the chief Officers of that Garrison, for having taken Presents of the Town contrary to their Oath: Suspending them for one Year from the Exercise of their Employments, and cutting off their Pay during that Time.

The Paymaster of the 1400000 *l. Lottery*, 1714. *doth hereby give Notice, That he shall be ready on Monday the* 11*th Instant, to pay all Interest on the several Orders in the said Lottery due at Lady-Day last; and to discharge and pay off Principal Money to* N° 27, *and* 100 *l. in Part of* N° 28, *in the* 14*th Course, sufficient Money being reserved in the Exchequer at Lady-Day last for that Purpose.*

Office of Ordnance, April 8, 1720.

Whereas there has lately deserted out of the Royal Train of Artillery, William Post, aged 19 *Years, five Foot nine Inches and an half high, a brown Complexion,*